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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For: NETWORK DEVICE MANAGE-)	
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CONTROL METHOD, COM-)	
PUTER PROGRAM AND COM-	:	
PUTER-READABLE STORAGE)	
MEDIUM	:	October 4, 2006

Commissioner for Patents
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows, the claim changes being reflected in the listing that begins at page 2, and the Remarks beginning at page 10: